

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the first paragraph on page 7 by the following:

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The length of the rib 8 is from about two to three times the longitudinal extension of the area of the block head 7 assumed by the bristles 2. The side of the rib 8 disposed remote to the bristles 2 slopes from the area of the channel 10 down to the end of the rib 8 in the area of the block head 7. The rib 8 is attached to the floor of the channel 10 in the middle and to the middle of the rear side of the block head 7. The rib 8 can be formed as a dual rib 8 as shown in figure 1 for reinforcement purposes. The straight sections of the dual rib 8 can be joined to a single end in the area of the block head 7 7 [[8]]. The straight sections of the dual rib 8 can be joined by a rounded section 16 connecting the distance between the straight sections of the dual rib 8, wherein the distance between the straight sections of the dual rib 8 increases from zero at the end of the block head 7 to from about 0.1 to 0.3 times the open width of the channel 10 present at the end of the dual rib 8 in the area of the channel 10. The dual rib 8 is preferably disposed centered in the channel 10.

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Please replace the second paragraph on page 8 with the following; --

The channel 10 is closed at its end remote to the bristles with an end section 12. A case 3 is attached at the end of the block head 7 disposed remote relative to the handle 1. A hinge connection is provided between the longitudinal ~~[[and]]~~ end of the block head 7 and a longitudinal end of the case 3. The case 3 exhibits the shape of a hollow trough of adapted to fix over the bristles and to rest at the block head 7. The bottom of the case 3 is filled with toothpaste 4. The depth of the trough can be from about 1.4 to 3 times the length of the bristles 2 and is preferably from about 1.6 to 2.5 times the length of the bristles 2. The longitudinal extension of the trough can be from about 1.2 to 2 times the depth of the trough and is preferably from about 1.4 to 1.7 times the depth of the trough. The edges of the trough can be rounded. The trough is furnished with a rim 12 adapted to engage the block head 7 and to lock the case 3 to the block head 7. The attachment of the case 3 to the block head 7 provided by a hinge between the block head 7 and the rim 12. The attachment of the case 3 to the block head 7 furnishes an hermetic seal. Prior to use of the toothbrush the case 3 can be opened from

the block head 7 and can be separated by sharing of from the block head 7 in the area of the hinge 14.

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Please kindly replace the third paragraph on page 9 by the following:

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The snap in connection can be furnished by a ledge 13 projecting from two opposite narrow sides of plate ~~[[13]]~~ 16 in longitudinal direction. The narrow sides can be the longitudinal narrow sides or the cross narrow sides. The cover 3 according to Fig. 11 has recesses 24 in longitudinal direction on the inside near the edge matching the ledges 13 and for engaging the ledges 13. ~~[[.]]~~ Alternatively, the cover 3 could be furnished with a ledge and the plate 16 with a corresponding recess along the longitudinal edge or along the cross edge of the plate 16. The cover 3 can then be separated from the plate 16 by tearing the cover from the plate or by pressing against the outside of the cover 3 and thereby releasing the snap in connection, wherein the ledge 13 slips out of recess 24 upon pressing against the cover 3. The ledges 13 could also be substituted by a subdivision of the ledge made up of strips or teeth.

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